

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, amended, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, amended, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; H.R. 2140, amended, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 2339, National Discovery Trails Act of 1999.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999 divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Thomas and Goodling; Representatives Ewing, Shays, Hutchinson, Shaw, Calvert, Brady of Texas, Wamp, Hoyer, Davis of Florida. Meehan and Levin.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 507, Water Resources Development Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Boehlert.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2681, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act; H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation; and H.R. 1300, amended, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

U.S. NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES—WTO SEATTLE MINISTERIAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States Negotiating Objectives for the WTO Seattle Ministerial Meeting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Becerra, Regula and Miller of Florida; Susan G. Esserman, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Sheldon R. Jones, Director, Department of Agriculture, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Narcotics Threat from Colombia, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings on the employment and unemployment situation for July, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, September 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2466, Department of the Interior Appropriations.

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